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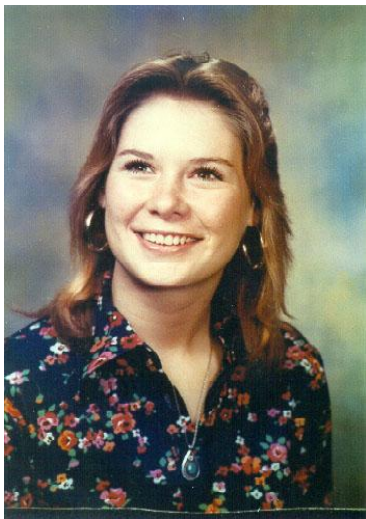
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Police Announce Arrest, Indictment in 1975 Murder

The Hays County Grand Jury has indicted a 57-year old California man for capital murder in the 1975 slaying of 20-year old Sheryl Ann Norris in San Marcos.



Sheryl Ann Norris

Police Chief Howard Williams and District Attorney Sherri Tibbe made the announcement at a press conference Monday morning at the San Marcos Police Department.

Charged with capital murder is Willie Roy Jenkins (DOB 7/30/1953). He was indicted Friday afternoon by the Hays County Grand Jury and State District Judge Charles Ramsay set bond at \$1 million. Jenkins was incarcerated in Fresno, Ca.

“The San Marcos Police never gave up in their investigation of this case,” said Chief Williams. “Recent advances in DNA technology led us to this suspect and his subsequent indictment and arrest.”

Sheryl Ann Norris, a Florida native, was a 20-year old secretary at the Texas Crime Prevention Institute at Southwest Texas State University, now Texas State University, when she was sexually assaulted and murdered in her apartment on November 24, 1975.

“This indictment is the result of remarkable dedication and determination by numerous members of the San Marcos Police Department over the years,” said Tibbe. “Today is the first step towards justice that is long overdue.”

The original investigation was conducted by the San Marcos Police Department and Texas Rangers. San Marcos investigators Commander Penny Dunn, Sgt. Fred Wisener and Cpl. Scott Johnson, and retired Cpl.



Willie Roy Jenkins

Stuart Ellis have worked on the case in recent years. Other officers assisting in the investigation were Sgt. Kelly Earnest, Cpl. Sandra Spriegel and Modelle Gibson, evidence technician.

Assistant Attorney General Lisa Tanner will assist Tibbe in the prosecution of the case.

Tibbe and Tanner presented the case to the Hays County Grand Jury on Friday, November 19, and following deliberations, the Grand Jury indicted Jenkins on one count of capital murder. An arrest warrant was issued following the indictment.

Extradition proceedings have been started with the assistance of the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office to bring Jenkins from California to San Marcos for trial.

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